



## *Happy Thanksgiving* **Administration's Message**

Dear Residents,

With the election over, it's time to reflect. Both Senator Kerry and President Bush have provided us with sound bites to be ashamed of. In both cases, promises are easiest to make but once broken, are just so many empty words. We want our elected officials to be responsive to our needs and responsible for their actions or omissions. However, as the election neared and polls became tighter, negativity reigned supreme, trying to belittle their rival, so as to appear the better option. We are all responsible for allowing this to occur. Instead of substantive debate on issues of personal or national importance, we get election-year rhetoric and clichés. For example:

In the mainstream of American politics he's on the far left bank, or wrong mission, wrong country, wrong president.

Most of us know who said the above, but how many of us really understand the candidates' stand on health care reform or Medicare funding. Shame on them, shame on us. A person can't help but wonder if other countries elect their officials in the same demeaning fashion. Albeit a bit dysfunctional, we are still fortunate to live in the greatest country in the world.

With all this in mind, I found our October Village Board meeting a bit mystifying . . . Mayor Pellegrino and the Board of Trustees elicited community commentary, in excess of two hours, regarding the recent auction of Timber Trails. There were citizens from our Village, as well as the other neighboring communities, Save the Timber group, and private citizens. All were allowed public commentary. What disturbed me, was the apparent mistrust expressed by some community members in their elected officials, the insinuation regarding possible back room deals and secret negotiations. Nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, I share the same frustrations of the community in the apparent loss of our open spaces. I invite the citizens to view aerial photos of our Village over the past 60 or 70 years at our South Works Building. One of the photos depicts the northern edge of the Village, pre-294. The only identifiable home is the homestead on Indian Wood Lane, and its driveway to Plainfield Road. In the series of photographs that follow, one easily sees the strain of development as it encroaches on Timber Trails. Our Village is a designated Tree City, it is our prized natural

resource. With the Mayor's direction, Trustee Bermier and I drafted a Tree Ordinance, one of the first in the area. To suggest that we would allow a "scorched earth" proposal is simply ludicrous. There was a sense of frustration by some at the meeting, that we should have acted in concert with other local government bodies, to acquire the property. But as the Mayor and our Village Attorney explained, local governments cannot be perceived to act in concert to restrict the rights of an individual to freely conduct his commerce.

As you recall approximately two years ago, the Village was able to purchase the now Heritage Center, with the gracious assistance of Senator Radogno and foresight of Richard Pellegrino. Our communities cannot afford a \$45 million mortgaging of our future and our children's future; creating an additional property tax burden on an already overburdened tax paying public, especially seniors on fixed incomes. As opposed to national politics, your elected officials have always acted in a responsive and candid manner. We tend to mistrust politicians in general, but at our local level, we are part of the community, and share the same frustrations and ideals, our children go to the same schools, we drive the same streets, we shop at the same stores. To impute the integrity of the Mayor and Board is disingenuous.

But the last meeting was also very informative. Representatives of Save the Timber, discussed legal and legislative perspectives to try to safeguard Timber Trails. I commend them for their tireless efforts. But what I found most thought-provoking, was the public commentary by Joseph Standing Bear, representing the Soaring Foundation. Joseph Standing Bear, more than any of us, has a right to opine as to the fate of Timber Trails. He reminded us that his forefathers hunted this area for many generations and cherish Timber Trails. When his people made choices, it was in view of the future 7 generations. When have we ever made a decision regarding our homes that does not benefit us here and now? I wish it could remain open land or perhaps it still may, however, should it be developed, I trust that Indian Head Park, its citizens, and within the mandate of its comprehensive plan, have the wherewithal to shepherd the development. As such, I look forward to a thoughtful discussion in the months to come.

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I would like to end this commentary by asking how many of you heard the news story regarding Cat Stevens several months ago. Cat Stevens was a folk singer in the early 1970's. He had changed his legal name to Yusuf Islam, and was mistakenly placed on a CIA watch list, as a potential terrorist. His plane from London was diverted to Maine because of mistaken identity. Few have been more involved in the peace movement than Yusuf Islam. He wrote a song entitled "Where Do the Children Play?". I feel it has relevance still today. I would like to end by quoting:

*"Well I think it's fine, building jumbo planes, or taking a ride on a cosmic train. Switch on summer from a slot machine. Get what you want to if you want, 'cause you can get anything. I know we've come a long way, we're changing day to day, but tell me, where do the children play? Well you roll on rads over fresh green grass, for your lorry loads pumping petrol gas. As you make them long, and you make them tough. But they just go on and on, and it seems you can't get off. I know we've come a long way, we're changing day to day, but tell me where do the children play? When you crack the sky, scrapers fill the air. Will you keep on building higher 'till there's no more room up there? Will you make us laugh, will you make us cry? Will you tell us when to live, will you tell us when to die? I know we've come a long way, we're changing day to day. But tell me, where do the children play?"*

Trustee Joe Reda

### Chicago Magazine Data - October 2004

Village	Average Sales Price	% change in sale price since 2003
Indian Head Park	\$516,285	18.15%
Burr Ridge	\$874,794	16.97%
Western Springs	\$533,652	12.66%
Hinsdale	\$917,834	7.18%
La Grange	\$446,218	2.41%
Willow Springs	\$334,848	-0.58%

### Smoke Signals

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**Deadline date for the next issue is December 6, 2004.**

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## Scheduled Meeting Dates

### Village Board of Trustees:

Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

### Planning and Zoning Commission:

Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

**E-911 Board:** Thursday, December 16, 2004

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

### VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK

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## Ordinance #04-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.28 OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCORPORATE AND ESTABLISH A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE INDIAN HEAD PARK PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK, Illinois, as follows:**

**Section 1:** That the Municipal Code of the Village of Indian Head Park, Chapter 2.28 is hereby amended by inserting a new subsection (d) to **Chapter 2.28, Section 2.28.020**, Duties, of the Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Code as follows:

**Subsection (d) Code of Ethics.** The Village of Indian Head Park Planning and Zoning Commission shall abide by a code of ethics as follows: (1) Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall exercise impartial and independent judgment in their roles as advisors to the Village Board of Trustees; (2) Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be adequately prepared to render thorough and diligent service and to fairly apply facts and information to the decision at hand; (3) Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall disclose all direct personal financial interest in any proposal, project or development before the Commission and indicate any personal financial benefit that could result from a decision made by the Commission. When concerned that there is a potential appearance of a conflict of interest or a public perception of conflict of interest the Commissioner should recuse himself/herself from the particular proposal. When in doubt, the Commissioner may seek advice, for example, from the Village Attorney, with the approval of the Trustee Liaison, to determine if a conflict or public perception of conflict might exist; (4) Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall not seek nor accept gifts or favors under circumstances in which it would be reasonably inferred that the gifts or favors could influence the Commissioner's decisions or actions; (5) Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall not use confidential information acquired in the course of their duties to further a personal financial interest; (6) Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall refrain from deliberating and voting on any petition for annexation, rezoning, variance, special use permit or subdivision plan in which the Commissioner has in the last three hundred and sixty-five (365) days participated in a personal capacity as an advisor, director, board member or paid advocate (7) Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall avoid discussions regarding a specific request for an annexation, rezoning, variance, special use permit or subdivision approval that is either before the Commission or is intended to be presented to the Commission, unless said discussions occur in a public meeting; (8) Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall not make public comments (outside of Planning and Zoning meetings) on matters before the Commission until after the specific request for annexation, rezoning, variance, special use permit or subdivision plan has been presented to the Commission and said action on said matters has been concluded; (9) Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission may be removed from the appointed office under the provisions of Illinois State Statute 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35.10.

**Section 2:** That each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this ordinance is separable and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

**Section 3:** That except as to the amendments heretofore mentioned, all Chapters of the Municipal Code of the Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois, shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4:** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval according to law.

**APPROVED**, by the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees, this 14th day of October 2004.

### Important News

Thanks to the efforts of attorney Noreen A. Costelloe, the **Indian Head Park Heritage Foundation** has been granted tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, contributions are deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, the Heritage Foundation is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. Founded by President Richard F. Pellegrino, Vice President Susan K. Schroeder and Secretary/Treasurer Alex LaBelle, the purpose of the Indian Head Park Heritage Foundation is, inter alia, to facilitate the appreciation for the history and culture of Indian Head Park and our unique geographic area and to enhance the civic, social and educational welfare of the community. Anyone interested in making a gift or endowing a legacy may contact attorney Noreen A. Costelloe at (630) 472-0616.

### Information Needed

Anyone with knowledge of the person(s) responsible for distributing an erroneously misleading flier on or about November 10, 2004, stating that the Indian Head Park "Plan Commission" would be holding a meeting at the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. on November 11, 2004 should contact Sergeant Scott Clendening at the Indian Head Park Police Department at (708) 246-4534.



### From the Chief's Office Safety Announcements

Enjoy a safe and secure holiday season! This is the time of the year when we all find ourselves in busy places with the upcoming holidays. Stay alert while out during the holidays. Theft and personal crimes peak in December. If your plans include attending holiday celebrations, select a designated driver. Select safe toys for children that are non-toxic, durable and free of small parts, projections or rough edges. Prevent holiday fires: use non-flammable decorations and unplug lighting before leaving home.





**PROCLAMATION  
COMMEMORATING  
VETERANS' DAY  
THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 11, 2004**

Whereas, it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and


Whereas, an Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, and the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November each year is to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day,"

Whereas, Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Veterans". With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11<sup>th</sup> became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. In observance of this day, we share the following poem:

**"A HUMAN RACE"**

*"Many a man has risked his life, to end the beginning of toil and strife. For in our world of fear and doubt, we ask ourselves why and what it is all about. It seems each generation has to face a war for reasons we are not sure. But it is our minds that are captured, in this land of the free and home of the brave. While our souls are searching for a better tomorrow, the truth still remains that people of this Country have fought and died for an "American Dream" of dignity and pride."*

Whereas, Mayor Pellegrino and the Village Board of Trustees call upon all citizens to wholeheartedly commemorate Veterans' Day this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004 to honor those serving our Country.

  
Richard F. Pellegrino, Village President  
Village of Indian Head Park



**PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING  
"JACK ROCHE" DAY IN INDIAN HEAD PARK  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2004**

Whereas, Jack Roche has served the Pleasantview Fire Protection District for the past forty-six (46) years as a Trustee and past President.

Whereas, on November 13<sup>th</sup> the Pleasantview Fire Protection District's Administrative Headquarters at 1970 Plainfield Road in the LaGrange Highlands will be dedicated as the "Jack Roche Administrative Building" at a special ceremony to be held at the Pleasantview Fire Protection District at 11:00 a.m.

Whereas, over the course of his wondrous life of eight-seven (87) years, we note a few of his past accomplishments: he served as a Chicago Police officer and Captain for the Cook County Sheriff's Department, he fulfilled tours of duty with the U.S. Navy during World War II while employed as Naval Security at Chicago's Navy Pier, he served as an electrician and inspector for the City of Chicago, he performed as an actor in the 1934 World's Fair, he worked with the St. John of the Cross Crossroads Youth Program, he is a charter member of the Flagg Creek Historical Society and he has been a member of the Rich Port YMCA for seventy (70) years.

Whereas, the Village of Indian Head Park congratulates Jack Roche on his many accomplishments and dedicated service to the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, the Village of Indian Head Park and the entire community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE PROCLAIM, November 13<sup>th</sup> as:**  
**"Jack Roche Day in Indian Head Park"**

Presented by Mayor Pellegrino and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Indian Head Park this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004.

  
Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor  
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## TEEPEE TOPICS

Students in the News.... Congratulations to the following Indian Head Park students who received honors at the College of DuPage: Lois Ann Fagin, Daniel Opila, Jennifer Leigh Sass, Ross Stern and Barbara P. Wood.

We welcome a new business to the Village of Indian Head Park. The UPS Store in the Brookside Plaza at 6688 Joliet Road is now open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for all of your packing, shipping and document service needs.

Happy holidays to our troops!! Operation Stars and Stripes is preparing to send holiday gift boxes to our brave men and women serving in the military overseas. To date, Operation Stars and Stripes has sent over 1,800 items to our troops in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. If you wish to make a donation, the following items are needed for holiday boxes: small canned hams, canned tuna, chicken or chili, canned soups, small boxes of crackers, instant mashed potatoes (add water only), pancake mix (add water only), canned vegetables and fruit, Christmas candy canes or chocolates, cereal bars, instant oatmeal, instant coffee, tea, apple cider or hot chocolate, Christmas music CD's (new or used), small holiday wreaths, trees, garland & Christmas decorations.

### Indian Head Park Woman's Club

The Woman's Club will be hosting a tree trimming at Brookfield Zoo. The ornaments will be made ahead of time and a date for this event has not yet been announced. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Marilyn Denunzio at (708) 246-1808. From December 1st through December 14th the Woman's Club will be collecting food for the needy. If you wish to make a donation, please deliver those items to the Indian Head Park Police Department. The Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Wilshire Green Clubhouse on December 14th at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment and dinner will be provided and tickets are \$25.00. For further details, please contact Liz Gohdes at (708) 246-6151.

Donations to Operation Stars and Stripes may be deposited in the drop boxes located at the Lyons Village Hall and the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Riverside (arrangements can also be made for items to be picked up) through the month of November. For additional information, please contact Meredith Kelly at (708) 447-6017.

The Robert E. Coulter Jr., Unit #1941 American Legion Auxiliary sends a special thanks to residents, local boy scout and girl scout troops, churches, schools, organizations, merchants, Lyons Township and numerous state and local officials for their support of community efforts to collect essential items that were shipped to our troops.

The Pleasantdale PTA Music Committee is hosting its Annual Holiday Poinsettia Plant Sale through Friday, November 19, 2004. Poinsettia plants are available in a variety of colors at a reasonable cost from \$5.00 to \$20.00. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Music Departments of both the elementary and middle schools so they may purchase instruments, equipment, music stands and sound/lighting equipment. For further information, please contact Janie Thomas at (708) 839-1339.

### Aging Well Initiative News

The mission of the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging is to enrich the quality of life of older adults and their families through a range of programs and services that enhance their well being and independence. On Friday, November 19, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to noon the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging, located at 111 West Harris Avenue in LaGrange, will be offering a "Computer Savvy Workshop" designed for those who anticipate purchasing a computer or may have an interest in gaining a basic understanding about using the Internet and digital cameras. Refreshments will be served. For further details, please contact the Center at (708) 354-1323.

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